

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Prahlad et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith is a declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 signed by co-inventors Ajay Pratap Singh Kushwah and Venkatesha Murthy and Exhibits A – N which establish an actual reduction to practice on October 29, 2002, which is prior to November 13, 2003, the date of the Prahlad et al. reference. It is therefore believed that claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 21 are allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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